

FOR A BETTER NEVADA

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United States Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
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Attn: Jane Summerson

Dear Dr. Summerson,

RE: *Comments to Draft Supplement Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High Level Nuclear Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Rail Alignment for the Construction and Operation of a Railroad in Nevada to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada.*

For a Better Nevada is a group of Nevada businesses and community leaders that understand that maximum use of nuclear energy is critical to our nation's energy independence, while eliminating carbon emissions and greenhouse gases. We also know that a cost-effective and plentiful supply of electrical energy is requisite for the survival, independence, and expansion of our national economy. Nuclear energy is the only means capable of delivering on all of these needs. Furthermore, we recognize that a national geologic repository is essential to the process, and we support the presidential and congressional designation of the Yucca Mountain, Nevada site. However, the Congress and the Department of Energy could greatly improve the presentation to the citizens of Nevada. [We respectfully encourage the following:

- Re-name and designate the Yucca Mountain repository as "The National Energy Reserve at Yucca Mountain, Nevada".
- Designate this reserve for the recycling of the Nation's used nuclear fuel.
- Issue the final record of decision on the Caliente Rail corridor and designate it as the "Caliente Energy Corridor".
- Promote the development of energy (nuclear, solar, geothermal, wind) technologies along this corridor.
- Ship our Nation's used nuclear fuel to the "reserve" for storage and eventual recycling.
- Create a national lab attached to the Nevada University System to specialize in the development and operation of the recycling facilities at the National Energy Reserve at Yucca Mountain.

Allow Nevada to capitalize on the energy production revenues from all these facilities.

In our opinion, these actions will change the dynamic in Nevada and allow for accomplishment of this national imperative.]

Sincerely,

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